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in effect, exclude this matter from our jurisdiction, and we can do that by an order or a subsequent action. And I strongly believe that there was a conflict, certainly whether or not we were going to interpret the statute absolutely, or whether we were going to interpret it through the standard of substantial compliance, that...Senator Warner's initial motion this morning does reflect that, that difference in interpretation of the statute. I can see no good reason to not complete it and to close this matter so that we do have a record of why we acted the way we did. I don't believe there is a jurisdictional problem in doing so, and in fact I would say that it is entirely consistent with what we established as our ground rules initially, which were to try to judge this case as a court would do, and realizing that we are not a court, we don't sit as a court all the time, but realizing that we are interpreting the law here, we are not making the law. And Senator Chambers I think is correct, that we need to bring closure to this matter in a real way, not simply walk away from it once a withdrawal is filed. So, with that, I strongly urge that we go ahead and accept the initial Warner motion that was filed this morning. I think it was appropriate when it was filed. It's proper recitation of the issues that were presented, and I would certainly feel a lot more comfortable if we have some closure on the issues that were debated for two days rather than walk away from them at this point. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Chambers, did you wish to be recognized now?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, as a member of the Legislature with all the prerogatives of a legislator, and no vote having been taken, or amendments offered, or any action of any kind, I withdraw my amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lindsay would move to amend by inserting, following the Warner motion, this new language, "The Legislature approves the withdrawal of election contest by Paul Korslund and Dennis Byars."

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, this amendment would simply approve the withdrawal. There have been